

now read as follows:

Sub DP 103. (Amended) A plastic bag having an open end and a closed end, comprising:

a first side wall and a second side wall together forming a bag portion having a front face and a rear face;

a mouth distinct from said open end for accessing an interior region of said plastic bag;

C a closure flap, formed separately from said first side wall and said second side wall, overlying and closing said mouth;

a first line of peelable adhesive formed on said front face proximate said mouth, said first line of peelable adhesive extending continuously across said front face from a first side edge of said front face to a second side edge of said front face;

a second line of peelable adhesive formed on said front face proximate an edge of said closure flap distal from said mouth, said second line of peelable adhesive extending continuously across said front face from said first side edge of said front face to said second side edge of said front face, said closure flap being peelably attached to said front face by said first line of peelable adhesive and said second line of peelable adhesive, so that at least a portion of said closure flap is peelable from said front face across said first line of peelable adhesive and said second line of peelable adhesive for revealing said mouth, said front face

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remaining functionally intact; and,

a closeable region adjacent said open end of said plastic bag and distinct from said mouth and said portion of said closure flap peelable from said front face, said open end of said plastic bag being closable by a user after filling said plastic bag with contents.

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125. (Amended) A plastic bag having an open end and a closed end, comprising:

a first side wall and a second side wall together forming a bag portion having a front face and a rear face;

a mouth distinct from said open end for accessing an interior region of said plastic bag;

a closure flap, formed separately from said first side wall and said second side wall, overlying and closing said mouth, said closure flap including at least one line of weakness defining a portion of said closure flap which is able to be opened by tearing along (at least one said line of weakness for exposing said mouth of said bag;

a first line of peelable adhesive formed on said front face proximate said mouth, said first line of peelable adhesive extending continuously across said front face from a first side edge of said front face to a second side edge of said front face;

a second line of peelable adhesive formed on said front face proximate an edge of said closure flap distal from said mouth, said second line of peelable adhesive extending

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continuously across said front face from said first side edge of said front face to said second side edge of said front face, said closure flap being peelably attached to said front face by said first line of peelable adhesive and said second line of peelable adhesive, so that at least a portion of said closure flap is peelable from said front face across said first line of peelable adhesive and said second line of peelable adhesive for revealing said mouth, said front face remaining functionally intact; and,

a closeable region adjacent said open end of said plastic bag and distinct from said mouth and said portion of said closure flap openable by tearing, said closeable region of said open end of said plastic bag being closeable by a user after contents have been inserted into said plastic bag through said open end thereof.

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145. (Amended) A plastic bag having an open end and a closed end, comprising:

a first side wall and a second side wall together forming a bag portion having a front face and a rear face;

a mouth distinct from said open end for accessing an interior region of said plastic bag;

a closure flap overlying and closing said mouth;

a first line of peelable adhesive formed on said front face proximate said mouth, said first line of peelable adhesive extending continuously across said front face from a first side edge of said front face to a second side edge of

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said front face;

a second line of peelable adhesive formed on said front face proximate an edge of said closure flap distal from said mouth, said second line of peelable adhesive extending continuously across said front face from said first side edge of said front face to said second side edge of said front face, said closure flap being peelably attached to said front face by said first line of peelable adhesive and said second line of peelable adhesive, so that at least a portion of said closure flap is peelable from said front face across said first line of peelable adhesive and said second line of peelable adhesive for revealing said mouth, said front face remaining functionally intact;

a base portion on which said plastic bag can stably stand when containing contents therein, said base portion comprising a base panel connected along opposing sides thereof to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds, said base panel further including a second fold, co-extensive with the width of said first side wall and said second side walls and substantially parallel to said first folds, said second fold dividing said base panel into a first panel leaf and a second panel leaf, so that said second fold and said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf lie between said first side wall and said second side wall with external faces of said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf being towards each other; and,

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a seal line extending from each end of said second fold to each said first fold, along seal lines said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said base panel.

162. (Amended) A plastic bag having an open end and a closed end, comprising:

a first side wall and a second side wall together forming a bag portion having a front face and a rear face;

a mouth distinct from said open end for accessing an interior region of said plastic bag;

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a closure flap overlying and closing said mouth, said closure flap including at least one line of weakness defining a portion of said closure flap which is able to be opened by tearing along at least one said line of weakness for exposing said mouth of said bag;

a first line of peelable adhesive formed on said front face proximate said mouth, said first line of peelable adhesive extending continuously across said front face from a first side edge of said front face to a second side edge of said front face;

a second line of peelable adhesive formed on said front face proximate an edge of said closure flap distal from said mouth, said second line of peelable adhesive extending continuously across said front face from said first side edge of said front face to said second side edge of said front face, said closure flap being peelably attached to said front

face by said first line of peelable adhesive and said second line of peelable adhesive, so that at least a portion of said closure flap is peelable from said front face across said first line of peelable adhesive and said second line of peelable adhesive for revealing said mouth, said front face remaining functionally intact;

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a base portion on which said plastic bag can stably stand when containing contents therein, said base portion comprising a base panel connected along opposing sides thereof to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds, said base panel further including a second fold, co-extensive with the width of said first side wall and said second side wall and substantially parallel to said first folds, said second fold dividing said base panel into a first panel leaf and a second panel leaf, so that said second fold and said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf lie between said first side wall and said second side wall with external faces of said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf being towards each other; and,

a seal line extending from each end of said second fold to each said first fold, along seal lines said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said base panel.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and